

## Commander's reflections

BY COL. RUSS WALZ



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Looking back on the activities of the Wing for 2007, there are so many things you have accomplished that make me so proud. I'd like to take some time and reflect on some of our accomplishments last year.

I started the year with a visit to Yuma, Arizona, to witness our Civil Engineers supporting Operation Jump Start. In an impressive effort, we raised the bar by producing the most fence constructed in a day by any unit.

Numerous training deployments also took place such as Medical Group and Services Flight to Osan, Korea; Security and CE to Hickham AFB, Hawaii; and an aviation package to Ellsworth AFB for a live munitions deployment. We also deployed to Langley AFB with Operations and Maintenance to perform Air Sovereignty Alert (ASA) missions along our eastern coastline.

Even though we are in between our scheduled AEFs, your service and sacrifice for our nation continues to impress me, evidenced by the 26 unit

personnel who volunteered to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2007. We also had 29 members support Operation Noble Eagle.

Like most years, last year we had the opportunity to showcase our talented personnel and impressive facilities. Guest included the Director of the Air National Guard, Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley; Deputy Director Brig. Gen. Stanley "Sid" Clarke; and many of our state and local leaders. We dedicated our new Operations Building and moved into a new Security Police facility. We hosted teams from our command who took a detailed look at our environmental, safety and security programs through ESOH Camp and Vulnerability Assessments. In September, the 12th Air Force evaluated the Operations Group for a Standardization/Evaluation formal visit which resulted in an overall "Excellent" rating. I'd like to thank everyone involved in these very important assessments.

2007 culminated with excellence by the Wing receiving two highly prestigious awards. All of you were recognized for the Winston P. Wilson Award for Excellence as well as the Air Force Association's ANG Outstanding Flying Unit Award. It's great to see your efforts recognized nationally.

Thanks for an outstanding 2007.

## Parade of lights 2007: "Holiday Traditions" SD ANG float wins Mayor's Choice Award

SUBMITTED BY MASTER SGT. LORI HOOP

The USO has been a supporter of military personnel around the world since World War II. While times have changed, the USO mission has remained the same – to boost the morale of service members and serve as the link between them and the American people. Since 1941 celebrities of all types have joined forces with the USO to entertain troops all over the world, providing troops with a morale boost when they need it most.

Celebrities from Marilyn Monroe and Phyllis Diller to Wayne Newton and Jessica Simpson have participated in USO holiday shows for the troops overseas.

Decorated in a red, white, and blue color scheme, the South Dakota Air National Guard float showcased military uniforms from World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Operation Desert Shield and present day around a lighted USO sign. A cutout of a serviceman opening a Christmas package sat near the sign. Christmas care packages adorned the float.

Bob Hope, "Salute to the Troops – the Vietnam Years" plays in the background. A Prisoner of War/Missing in Action/Killed in Action remembrance was incorporated into the float. Music included traditional Christmas songs sung by performers who have entertained troops during USO celebrity entertainment



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The float was constructed by members of the NCOAGA led by Chief Master Sgt. Larry Miller and his wife Cindy.

## Looking back at 2007: A year in review

BY TECH. SGT. SARA HILMOE

The 114th Fighter Wing has a reputation of greatness. It has been proven time and time again over the years, just as it was this year when we received two Outstanding Unit Awards.

This unit stands above the rest. We have set precedents for others to follow. We are looking ahead to future missions because we know that the military and the world are changing and we want to be a part of it.

As Midwesterners, we are humble in our accomplishments. Bragging and talking up what we have achieved is not our way. We're "just doing our job." And while doing our job is very commendable, sometimes what we have done gets overlooked.

With that thought in mind, the Public Affairs team has dedicated a single edition of the *Thunderbump* to looking back at the past year. Our goal is to have one issue that highlights the events of the year so our achievements are not lost in the shuffle.

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2007 Year in Review

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# Munger inducted as State Command Chief in 2007

What a fantastic thrill and honor it is to have been selected as your State Command Chief and I thank all of you for the support you have expressed. I know with your continued confidence and input we will resolve the issues that face us and develop new ideas and programs to benefit all. I realize that it takes an open line of communication and visibility to ensure a successful and effective program. My door will remain open and I will always make time to talk about your concerns. Remember: I work for you.

As we prepare for the change of command, let me take a moment to thank Chief Handel for his many years of dedicated service to the unit and his efforts as the State Command Chief. I know there are those of you that without his help and support may not have been able to resolve issues that were extremely important to you. Please take time to thank the Chief and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Whether it's flying missions, performing maintenance, providing security for the base,

ensuring medical needs are taken care of, supplying our men and men with what they need, feeding the hungry troops, or making sure the administrative records are kept current, we train and prepare to do our part to complete the unit mission and we are very good at what we do.

Being prepared is nothing new to our unit, but have you taken the time necessary to evaluate and prepare your Guard career? Is everything in place to take advantage of opportunities that may come your way? I can't begin to convey how many friends have missed out on a promotion or consideration for other opportunities due to a lack of something. Don't let it happen to you. Complete your PME as soon as you can, take the initiative to become involved in the unit, step up to challenges and mentor those who may need your help and advice. Bottom line: make a difference, prepare your future in the Air National Guard and be ready to take full advantage when those opportunities arise!

## Command Chief's Corner: Year in review

BY COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SGT. LANE MUNGER



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This article is supposed to be a reflection of our past year, our accomplishments, triumphs, and blessings as well as disappointments, loss of friends, and goals that were never achieved. The year affected us all in different ways and it would be hard to cover all the aspects that life offers us. Hopefully, it was a good year for each of you.

Instead, I want only to reflect on the year long enough to say, it sure went fast. After all, history is nothing but what it is...history...an account of a past time that cannot be changed, but hopefully the experiences that were thrust upon each of us helped to make us stronger in mind and spirit. So this article is about our coming year and the challenges we face.

Never before in history of the Air National Guard has our country relied on our capabilities and talents to the extent it does today. The Ops Tempo is high, has been high, and will remain high for quite some time, and we are staring deployments right in the eye again. Time waits for no one. So make the most of your time.

Not only here at the Guard preparing yourself for the demands of real-world missions, your career and the needs of our nation, but with your family, your friends and more importantly, yourself. Stop and take time to smell the roses as they say. Being mentally prepared for the demands of the coming year is 50 percent of the mission success. Having your family and friends mentally prepared for the demands placed upon you is 50 percent of your success. As it's been said many times, the Guard doesn't exist without the support and understanding of the family. Make sure they know that. Make sure you appreciate that.

For all of the retirees that will be reading this, I thank you for the past, for laying a strong foundation that made it easy for us to build upon. The 114th remains a great unit and I wish you and yours all the best in the upcoming year.

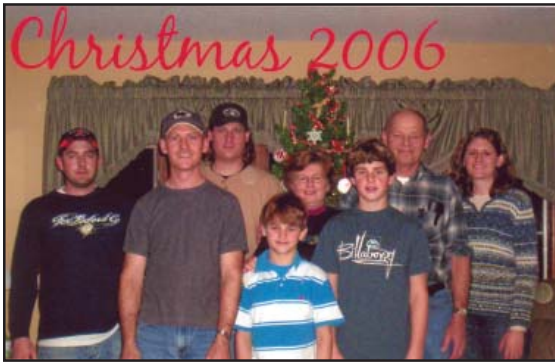
On a personal note, the year was an exciting time. It has been my privilege to represent each of you. For me, it was a time to try and make a difference; to live up to the faith that some had put in my abilities. After all, challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

Happy New Year Everyone!





## SDANG MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### *Chief Master Sgt. Dale L. Anderson (Ret.)*

**Last position held:** I started in the mobility flight in Supply and later transferred to the mechanic section of civil engineering. My last position was Chief in civil engineering.

**Total Length of Service:** Four years active duty Air Force and 24 years SDANG.

**Year Retired:** 1997

**Where are you now and what are you doing?** My wife Linda and I are both retired and living on an acreage near Colton, SD. We are kept busy with projects on the acreage, attending

our grandsons' sporting events and traveling.

**Family:** Back row (left to right) – Son-in-law Paul Lebahn, Brian, wife Linda, me, daughter Julie Lebahn. Front – son Kevin (ANG member), grandsons Alex and Derek.

**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, camping and traveling

**What was the highlight of your military career?** The highlight of my military career was the annual camp. We had good projects in the U.S. and many foreign countries. I really enjoyed working with the members of the SDANG.

### *Tech. Sgt. Theron D. Liggons*

**Military Position:** Plans & Implementations Craftsman, 114th Communications Flight

**Total Length of Service:** 16 yrs

**Civilian Occupation:** Telecommunications Support Technician, S.D. Air National Guard. I work to keep an overall inventory of computer and network systems at Joe Foss Field.

**Family:** I'm a divorced father of two children (Keesha, 11 and Theron Jr, 7)

**Hobbies:** I participate in a dart league and enjoy playing sports. Sometimes I work part-time as a music DJ.

**Guard/Community Activities:** Member of the Ready Action Team (RAT), member of the Base Honor Guard, coached Jr Football for four years and have coached my daughter in soccer for two years.

**What has been the highlight of your military career?** I enjoyed my overseas travel deployments to places like Turkey, Italy, and Korea.

**Who has influenced you the most in your life?** My Mother is the person that has most influenced my life. She singularly raised our family of eight children and continues to be the leading force of our family.



# SDANG Breaking ground at Operation Jump Start

TECH. SGT. SARA HILMOE, 1ST LT. JODY PAGE

South Dakota Air National Guard members are not known for shying away from a challenge. In fact, if you pose a goal to them, more often than not they will not only meet the goal, they will surpass it.

This trend doesn't change wherever the Airmen are located around the world. Currently, they are proving themselves on the Mexican border at Operation Jump Start.

Given the goal to add another 4,000 feet of border fence to the existing project within a month, the Civil Engineers, other augmentees from the 114th Fighter Wing and the 133rd Air Refueling Wing from Minneapolis, Minn., reached that goal in about 13 days.

They didn't stop there with breaking records.

"In the second week alone we put up over 1,700 feet of fence," said 1st Lt. Jody Page, 114 Civil Engineering Squadron. "The previous record was 1,200 feet of fence."

Building the Border Fence isn't just a simple task.

"It was kind of like an assembly line and every team had to keep up the pace to be successful," Lieutenant Page explained.

The South Dakota and Minneapolis group started their work on March 5, and after less than three weeks of work they had poured almost 1,200 yards of concrete and completed the footings for the segment of the fence that they were working on. They also had Airmen working with the Army on a secondary steel fence where our teams welded together over 1,600 feet of that fence.

The work did not come without its challenges.

"Our work hours were limited by the Border Patrol," said Page. Border Patrol agents had to be on the work site at all times while the workers were building the wall to add protection and security.

The Arizona weather was also quite different than the winter conditions that the group left at home.

"The first two weeks the temperature was over 90 degrees everyday," Page said.

"Nobody complained though," said Master Sgt. Jim Volden. "They just dug in and got busy working."

Working along the border doesn't leave a lot of room to maneuver. The primary fence is being built just three feet from the actual border line



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JOHN WIGGINS, 133RD AIRLIFT WING

*Col. Russ Walz, 114 FW Commander, center, learns from Master Sgt. Ryan Neugebauer, 114 CES, wearing the blue hard hat, how the vertical panels need to be bent before they can be welded to the border fence at Operation Jump Start.*

so often there was a sheer lack of space to work in to even build the fence. Absolutely no equipment and very limited work activity was allowed in Mexico territory.

"At first they gave us a few feet of space on the Mexican side of the border that our boots could be on," said Page. "But then they took that away so we just had the three feet from the border to the fence."

That didn't slow them down though.

"We used additional manpower and adjusted our procedures to make it work," said Lieutenant Page.

Overall, the fence is making a big difference.

"We're actually doing good for the U.S.," said Sergeant Volden. "We're keeping illegals out and cutting down on the drug trafficking. It's made a big impact."

President George W. Bush announced Operation Jump Start in May, 2006 as a two-year mission for the National Guard to work in support of the U.S. Border Patrol to enhance security along the nation's southern border.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. EDWARD NESS, 114TH FIGHTER WING

*A view from the north side of the fence as the team, made up of members from the 114th Fighter Wing and the 133rd Airlift Wing, continue work on the border fence during Operation Jump Start.*



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JOHN WIGGINS, 133RD AIRLIFT WING

*Col. Russ Walz, 114 FW Commander, checks on the progress as members from both the 114th Fighter Wing and the 133rd Airlift Wing continue to work on the border fence during OJS.*



## 114th Airmen recognized



The 114 FW has been chosen to receive the 2007 Outstanding Air National Guard Flying Unit Award from the Air Force Association. The award is given for the most outstanding ANG unit airmanship. The letter from the Association states, "We appreciate the courageous efforts you and your fighter wing performed during Operation Iraqi Freedom and salute you for your contributions to our nation's defense and the war on terrorism." The award was presented to members of the unit September 24, 2007 in Washington, D.C.

"Congratulations to all the great men and women of the SDANG who truly have earned this prestigious award," said Brig.Gen. Ron Mielke, retired. "I for one appreciate everything you do for the United States of America, and the State of South Dakota. You're the greatest!"



PHOTO BY 2ND LT MICHAEL FRYE

Left to right: Brig. Gen. Steve Doohen, S.D. Adjutant General; Senior Airman Tim Smith, 114th Security Forces; Robert Largent, AFA Chairman of the Board; Col. Russ Walz, 114th FW Commander; Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley, ANG Director; Command Chief Master Sgt. Jim Welch, 114th FW Command Chief.

## Congratulations, 2007 Airmen of the Year



Senior NCO Division  
Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Uthe



NCO Division  
Staff Sgt. Javier Castro



Airman Division  
Senior Airman Shogoofa Kabiri

## Unit recognized as Community Partner of the Year



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. SARA HILMOE

Standing: Tech. Sgt. Bill Nelson, Chief Master Sgt. Dean Hillberg, Col. Brian Bade (Ret.), Master Sgts. Marcella Rions, Mark Wheeler, Jen DeCou, and Col. Russ Walz. Kneeling: Master Sgt. Bruce Lee and Chief Master Sgt. Dan Jennings.

The South Dakota Air National Guard was recently recognized as the 2006-2007 Community Partner of the Year at the sixth annual Mentor Recognition Breakfast.

In 1989, Col. Brian Bade, then Wing Commander, sent a letter to then Senior Master Sgt. Dan Jennings to see if there was any possibility of our involvement with the new mentor program being established by the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and the Sioux Falls School District. Jennings jumped at the opportunity and helped line up volunteers to help.

Over the years the mentors have played a big role in the lives of young people, even while deployed. One mentor sent weekly emails to his mentee while he was deployed. His mentee said, "I knew he was safe, and it made me feel good. No one else has ever done anything like that for me before." Another mentee said about his mentor, "When you're feeling bad, the minute you see the smile on his face, you're feeling happy again."



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT LEEBENS

Col. Walz, 114th FW Commander addresses the unit and guests at a welcome home and awards ceremony held on Feb. 3, 2007 for members of the unit who were deployed to Iraq for the AEF.



Tech. Sgt. Theron Liggins, 114th FW Honor Guard member, participated in a POW/MIA Table ceremony at the unit's Enlisted Dining Out held in April, 2007 at CJ Callaway's in Sioux Falls, S.D.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. CHRIS STEWART

Members of the 114th snow removal team operate the unit's Osh-Kosh Snow Blower during one of the first snows of the 2007/2008 winter season on Dec. 2, 2007.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. NANCY AUSLAND

Members of the 114th Mission Support Flight gathered for a group photo on Nov. 5, 2007. Chief Master Sgt. Dan Jennings retired in December 2007 and the unit wanted to have one last photo with Chief Jennings before he retired.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT LEEBENS

A South Dakota Air National Guard F-16 is seen refueling from a Nebraska ANG KC-135 on Nov. 4, 2007. The unit participated in a Boss Lift and Civic Leader Ride during the November UTA.





PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. CHRIS STEWART

Col. Wayne Shanks hands Capt. Scott Rust the Maintenance Operation Flight flag during the Change of Command ceremony held in the Engine Shop on Dec. 2, 2007. Capt. Rust is the new MOF commander replacing Maj. Kevin Curley who has moved on to the 114 Maintenance Commander position.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. CHRIS STEWART

Members of the 114th FW practice emergency procedures during the Operational Readiness Exercise held on August 5, 2007. Self Aid and Buddy Care are a large part of the exercise.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. NANCY AUSLAND

Tech. Sgt. Brad Janzen, Telephone Systems Technician with the 114th Communications Flight dresses out the wiring in a ladder rack in the new Base Operations Building during the February Unit Training Assembly



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT LEEBENS

Master Sgt. Kevin Anderson prepares an F-16 aircraft for inspection during the October UTA.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. JARED HINSCH

F-16's for the South Dakota Air National Guard are lined up on the flightline at Joe Foss Field, S.D. ready for action.

# New Operations building dedicated in May

BY 2ND LT. MICHAEL FRYE

The bricks are in place, the paint has dried, and most important, the trailers that have inhabited Hangar 40's parking lot are gone.

The Operations Group officially began business in their new facility on May 5, 2007 with a dedication and ceremonial ribbon cutting by South Dakota Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Michael Gorman. A time capsule was also placed in the facility to be opened in 50 years.

This new facility was built on the same site as the previous Squadron Operations Complex, which was constructed in the early 1950s.

This 27,500 square foot facility's design took into consideration the Wing's present mission requirements by providing accountable space usage for personnel and training and is fully capable of meeting future needs, including an additional fighter squadron as described in Air Force Design criteria.

The facility is prepared for additional flight simulator trainers. It was designed to accommodate optional office layouts through the use of modular furniture within several functional areas. The facility not only houses the current Fighter Squadron, but also includes Intel, the Command Post, the Base Auditorium, Life Support, and the Wing Safety Office.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. JARED HINSCH

*New Operations building as seen from the flight line. The main building corridor runs parallel to one of the main runways.*

The building's architectural aesthetics include unity with the Sioux Falls Regional Airport by paralleling one of the main runways. This corridor also offers an open air appeal that allows reduced energy usage through the use of natural lighting and heat conservation by direct sunlight. The two main entrances provide warm, welcoming approaches to the building and provide exceptional views of both the base proper and the aircraft apron.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. NANCY AUSLAND

*Two Airmen check the weather report in the new Flight Ops office. The building dedication allowed a rare look at the many secure rooms throughout the structure.*

## Dedication Day



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT LEEBENS

*Items placed inside the time capsule include a brick from the old Ops building, unit patches and coins, drink tokens from the base club, a copy of the 60th anniversary yearbook, and a copy of the current Thunderbumper.*



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. JARED HINSCH

*Maj. Gen. Michael Gorman, The Adjutant General for South Dakota National Guard, addressed members in attendance at the Base Operations Building dedication ceremony.*



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN QUINTON YOUNG

*The ceremonial ribbon is cut by Maj. Gen. Michael Gorman (center) with the assistance of Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. James Welch, Mr. Cal Willemssen, Mr. Evan Nolte, Col. Matt Jamison, Brig. Gen. Steve Doohen, Col. Russ Walz, and State Command Chief Master Sgt. Lane Munger.*



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. JARED HINSCH

*Kevin Tollefson, 114th Civil Engineers, hands Greg Nosbush, forman for the Base Operations Building contract, the time capsule to be placed in the wall in Base Operations.*



## Airmen year-end downsizing

BY 2ND LT. MICHAEL FRYE

Two groups, two months, and a challenge: take off a few extra pounds of weight. This idea was the brain child of crew chiefs Tech. Sgt. Chris Novak and Staff Sgt. Ryan Stoll and quickly adapted by Supply. So what was the motivation behind it?

"Male Bravado," jokes crew chief Tech. Sgt. Novak. But it really was more than that. "We're going to Hawaii in support of Sentry Aloha and we wanted to drop some weight before then, and it became a challenge, a competition."

"We heard the crew chiefs were doing this, so we decided to give it a try as well," said Master Sgt. Mike Kuhnert from supply. "It was that time of year where we all eat a little more and everyone probably needs to lose 10 pounds anyway."

Crew chiefs, electricians, Airmen from Phase Docks and Safety and Supply, and a recruiter stepped up to the challenge. Each had to set a weight-loss goal of at least 10 pounds and challenge others to do the same. In all, the groups lost a combined total of more than 500 pounds.

Though not everyone met their weight loss goal, every one of the 49 Airmen lost something, and to this day, the weight has stayed off. Crew chief Staff Sgt. Ryan Stoll dropped 36 pounds and has kept it off.

"I feel better and have more energy, says Staff Sgt. Stoll. "I feel great about going to Hawaii now with this extra weight off."

Tech Sgt. Al Wolf from supply walked away with an extra \$25 for his 18 pound weight loss.

"It makes a difference," Tech Sgt. Wolf said. "I seem to have more energy now."

And of course, what better motivation then a small wager of cold hard cash? Those who met their goal could receive a little spending money, but if they didn't meet the goal, you paid in.

"For every pound under the 10 pound goal, the individual had to put in an extra \$5," said Master Sgt. Kuhnert.

"I'd like to say that the money went to a charity, but in reality, it went into someone's pocket," added Novak.

Novak and Stoll agree a weigh-in may be needed at the 3-month mark just to see if the weight has stayed off.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT LEEBENS

Some of the Airmen who participated in the weight loss challenge are: Back Row: Staff Sgt. Jason Cose, Tech. Sgt. Shawn Emerson, Staff Sgt. Tony Boesch, Tech Sgt. Wade Shatter, Staff Sgt. Mike Rollag, Tech. Sgt. Chris Langloss, Staff Sgt. Ryan Stoll, Tech. Sgt. Chris Novak, Tech. Sgt. Doug Brush; Front Row: Tech. Sgt. Todd Schneider, and Tech. Sgt. Randy Nelson.

## Thanks from The Banquet

BY 2ND LT. MICHAEL FRYE

CONTRIBUTIONS BY MASTER SGT. LORI HOOP

Each year the South Dakota Air National guard helps support the Banquet in quite a few ways. Once a year, the unit sponsors or serves an evening meal. The NCOAGA, Chapter 70 also sponsors or serves a breakfast once a year. Project S.O.S., or Supply One Student, also helps provide school supplies for students by assisting with backpack assembly, set up collection boxes for donations of school supplies, and helps ensure a smooth event on the day of backpack distribution. But this year, the NCOAGA decided to add a level of support to the Banquet.

"The idea to support this year's Banquet's Christmas towel set drive came about during the October NCOAGA meeting," said Master Sgt. Lori Hoop.

One of the objectives of NCOAGA is, "Instill pride and esprit de corps through the Air Force core values, military customs and traditions, patriotism and community involvement." Chapter 70 thought having a unit towel drive was as great opportunity to participate in a community event.

"It was a spur of the moment project, which didn't get very much advertising and only ran over one UTA," added Master Sgt. Hoop. "I was quite happy with the results and thank everyone who made a cash donation or a donation of towel sets."

The NCOAGA is considering sponsoring a Christmas community project again in the future, and with this year's success, plan to start earlier and run the project a little longer to gain more support.



PHOTO BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. BECKY BRENNAN

Curt Sorenson, Roger Simunek, Verlyn Curley and Val Glanzer help prepare a dish for the hungry guests at The Banquet.

**Need money for your next unit party? NAF funds are available. Contact Master Sgt. Dave Zerfas at 988-5806 for details.**

## Get cash the easy way! *NCOAGA scholarship program*

SUBMITTED BY MASTER SGT. LORI HOOP

**Chapter 1 Senior Division.** Eligible youth dependents 12th grade - baccalaureate will submit an essay of 750 – 1,000 words in essay, poem, or letter format. **Topic:** Compare cultural differences between Iran and the United States. **Scholarship Amount:** \$1,300

**Chapter 1 Junior Division.** Eligible youth dependents 10th – 11th grades will submit an essay of 50 – 750 words in essay, poem, or letter format. **Topic:** How do you affect your community through community service? **Scholarship Amount:** \$600

**William M. Goyer Memorial Scholarship.** The Chapter 1 Senior Division essay receiving the highest number of points will be awarded the William M. Goyer Memorial Scholarship. **Scholarship Amount:** \$1,600

**Master Sgt. Bennie S. Frick Memorial**

**Scholarship.** Award of this scholarship is based on meeting requirements for entrance in the educational institution of applicant's choice; demonstrated leadership in home, school, church and community activities; demonstrated financial need; and educational and life goals. **Scholarship Amount:** \$500

**NCOAGA Memorial Scholarship.** Established for an active member of Chapter 1. Application will include a talking paper outlining individual's leadership, extent of and/or potential accomplishments in civilian, military and academic achievements; a goals statement covering the next year to include academic or educational goals and civilian and/or military career goals; and a CCAF progress report, CCAF degree, current institute of higher learning transcript, or letter of acceptance/enrollment

from an institute of higher learning. **Scholarship Amount:** \$1,000

Complete details and application forms are found in the NCOAGA

Association Guidance Handbook, Section 3-4, Education and Scholarship Program.

Contact any NCOAGA, Chapter 70 board member for additional information and assistance.

**Check out the NCOAGA web site at** [www.ncoaga.com/scholarship.html](http://www.ncoaga.com/scholarship.html).

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## Tax time again

The tax season is once again upon us. 2007 W-2s are available on MyPay. Visit <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. If you have problems accessing MyPay, contact the 114th Finance office.

Did you also know that military members are eligible to use tax preparation software for free? Beginning on Jan. 14, 2008, Military OneSource will provide free tax preparation services to service members and their families for the 2007 tax season. Visit [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) and register to become a member and eligible to use the services. As you prepare your taxes, tax advisors are also available by phone to help answer any questions.

## Movin' On

Chief Master Sgt. Douglas S. Hebert, 114 SVF, will retire Jan. 31, 2008 with over 26 years of service.

Chief Master Sgt. Daniel J. Jennings, HQ SDANG, will retire Jan. 31, 2008 with over 38 years of service.

Chief Master Sgt. Larry G. Miller, 114 MXS, will retire Jan. 31, 2008 with over 36 years of service.

Chief Master Sgt. Edwin D. Revell, 114 MXS, retired Dec. 13, 2007 with over 36 years of service.

Chief Master Sgt. Bruce A. Swan, HQ SDANG, retired Dec. 9, 2007 with over 36 years of service.

Master Sgt. Kenneth E. Newman, 114 MXS, retired Dec. 22, 2007 with over 32 years of service.

Master Sgt. Kirsten L. Noll, 114 OSF, retired Dec. 22, 2007 with over 20 years of service.

Master Sgt. Harlan R. Phelps, 114 AMXS, retired Dec. 24, 2007 with over 23 years of service.

Master Sgt. Richard E. Wenzel, 114 MXS, retired Dec. 23, 2007 with over 35 years of service.

## Movin' In

### Staff Sgt.

Alan L. Huls, 114 SVF  
Richard D. Bass, 114 LRS  
Danny D. Oaks, 114 MXS  
Crystal M. Roth, 114 SFS

### Senior Airman

Shawn M. Simpson, 114 CES

### Airman 1st Class

Jeremy J. Brende, 114 AMXS  
Brandon L. Fey, 114 CES  
Michael J. Fitzgerald, 114 AMXS  
Jerry D. Rodriguez, 114 MXS

### Airman

Megan J. Palsma, 114 OSF

### Airman Basic

Marcus L. Murphy, 114 MXS  
Ethan A. Selken, 114 MXS  
Daniel J. Vanderstynne, 114 MXS

## Movin' Up

### To Senior Master Sgt.

Thaddeus Openhowski, 114 SFS

### To Master Sgt.

Rochelle Prickett, 175 FS

### To Tech Sgt.

Brad L. Janzen, 114 CF  
Rogina G. Watkins, 114 MOF

### To Staff Sgt.

Jay E. Engebretson, 114 AMXS  
Carmen N. Herrboldt, 114 SVF  
Jessica A. Larson, 114 AMXS  
Daniel A. Thomassen, 114 MXS

### To Senior Airman

Robert J. Baysore, 114 STUF  
Jordan A. Brende, 114 STUF  
Daniel J. Johnson, 114 STUF  
Anthony Niewenhuis, 114 STUF  
Eric M. Threadgold, 114 LRS  
Katrina J. Uecker, 114 LRS  
Bret J. Werning, 114 STUF

### To Airman 1st Class

Vanessa A. Parker, 114 MSF  
Jayme N. Shanks, 114 STUF  
Justine D. Wyatt, 114 LRS

## Let's say thanks!

Hey everyone! Check out [www.letsaythanks.com](http://www.letsaythanks.com)! This website was created by children and Xerox to let the troops in Iraq know that America supports them. You can pick out a card that a child has made, insert your name and hometown, and then either pick out a pre-written Thank You message, or type up your own. You can't pick out who gets the card, but it will go to a member of the armed services in Iraq. This is free and only takes a minute, so join in!



## New year's resolution? Kick the habit!

Are you planning to make 2008 the year you stop using tobacco products? The South Dakota QuitLine can help you reach that goal. By visiting [www.HealthySD.gov/QuitTob-Acco.html](http://www.HealthySD.gov/QuitTob-Acco.html) you'll get access to:

Free professional advice from your own quit coach, who will design a personal plan to help you stop using tobacco.

Be sure to check out QuitNet, which is a part of the site where you can join forums, chat groups, find an online buddy and more.

QuitLine also offers free tobacco cessation workbooks and materials and free nicotine withdrawal medication.

If you need more assistance, QuitLine can refer you to other local agencies.

Call the toll-free South Dakota QuitLine at 1-866-SD-QUITTS. POC: Lt. Col. Siem 5578.

## Vacancies

**The 114th Fighter Wing  
has the following jobs  
available  
for part time employment.**

- **Security Forces**  
School - 13 weeks
- **A/C Electrical Environmental**  
School - 18 weeks
- **Egress**  
School - 9 weeks
- **Aircraft Weapons**  
School - 15 weeks
- **Munitions Systems**  
School - 9 weeks
- **Avionics**  
School - 26 weeks
- **CE Structural**  
School - 18 weeks
- **Pavement Construction**  
School - 15 weeks
- **Aircraft Structural**  
School - 16 weeks
- **Phase Maintenance**  
School - 23 weeks
- **Aircraft Maintenance**  
School - 23 weeks
- **Tire Shop**  
School - 23 weeks
- **Engine Shop**  
School - 13 weeks
- **Personnel**  
School - 6 weeks
- **HVAC**  
School - 20 weeks

**Non-prior service personnel  
may enlist up to grade E-3.  
Call the Recruiting Office  
for more details at  
1-800-432-0182 or 988-5718.**

### Recruiters

**SMSgt Cathy Anderson  
TSgt Eric Tidemann  
TSgt Brian Voges**

### Silver Squadron

The Retiree's Coffee schedule for 2008 is as follows:

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| January 8   | July 8      |
| February 12 | August 12   |
| March 11    | September 9 |
| April 8     | October 21  |
| May 13      | November 18 |
| June 10     | December 9  |

Each meeting is the second Tuesday at 9:30 in the dining hall.

### UTA Schedule

| Month    | Scheduled/Alternate |       |
|----------|---------------------|-------|
| February | 2-3                 | 23-24 |
| March    | 1-2                 | 15-16 |
| April    | 5-6                 | 19-20 |



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*Lt. Col. Steve Warren, 114 Mission Support Group Commander, drops the puck during Military Night for the ceremonial face-off at the Sioux Falls Stampede hockey game Nov. 10, 2007. Helping Colonel Warren complete this arduous task were cheerleaders from the Minnesota Vikings.*

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